

Howland Wood - Curatorial

Drowne, Henry Russell  
[ANS Secretary]

1914-1935



Crowne, H.R.

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1920-1927



June 3, 1914.

Mr. Henry Russell Drowne  
54 Pearl St., Cor, Broad.  
New York.

Dear Mr. Drowne:-

Shall you or Mr. Newell acknowledge donations, in the future, and if any questions come up, shall I get into communication with Mr. Newell or the Governing Board?

I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

HENRY R. DROWNE  
54 PEARL ST. COR. BROAD  
NEW YORK CITY  
TELEPHONE BROAD 6397

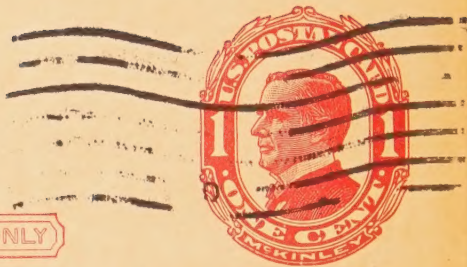
Have duly sent off the  
acknowledgments.

If convenient and accessible  
will you please hand  
Mr Dodd the 3 Port-au-  
Prince Celebration Medals  
belonging to Geo C. Arnold  
and I will call at his  
office for them - as  
Arnold will visit me  
over Sunday

And Oleg

H. R. Drowne

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Howland Wood Esq Curator  
American Numismatic Society  
156 St W. of Broadway  
N.Y.C.

July 3, 1914.

Mr/ Henry Russell Drowne

54 Pearl Street, Cor. Broad,

New York.

Dear Mr. Drowne:-

I am herewith sending you a letter making an inquiry about a Colonial Bill.

Mr. Dodd did not turn up last week, so I was unable to get those three medals belonging to Arnold, down to you. If Arnold wants them, I can mail them down to him.

Very truly yours,



HENRY R. DROWNE

54 PEARL ST. COR. BROAD

TELEPHONE, BROAD 6397

NEW YORK.

July 8/1914

Howland Wood Esq  
New York

Dear Mr Wood—

I enclose journal which may  
or may not be of interest— and  
will mail Society in a day or two  
a magazine containing an account  
of the Paper Money exhibit—thinking  
that otherwise it might not be seen.

Please mail the 3 Port-in-Bay  
medals direct to

George C. Arnold

124 Washington St

Providence, R.I.

I have duly sent off the letters  
&c, and also received the reports  
sent,

With regards

Yours faithfully

Henry Russell Drowne



January 8, 1915.

Mr. Henry Russell Drowne  
54 Pearl Street Cor. Broad,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Drowne:-

According to your request I am herewith sending you my home address which is 615 West 162nd Street. The telephone number is Audubon 2240.

I was very much disappointed last night at the attendance we had, there being but 10 members present out of 20, the other 10 being visitors. It doesn't seem quite right for the Society to produce such poor attendance, especially when a man spends considerable time in framing up his paper or talk.

It strikes me that the council ought to take this matter up to see what can be done in increasing the attendance. Possibly we have chosen the wrong evening, Thursday being given over largely to lodge and club meetings. Possibly the card we send out for an announcement being so nearly alike each time, doesn't impress itself sufficiently, on those that receive it. Possibly in this instance the subject matter was not appealing enough. Whether that was so or not, certainly a great many of the points that Mr. Elder brought out were of importance, and our members should have heard what was said. If we keep on having the attendance we have been having lately, the impression will certainly get around that the Society is either not able to hold its members, or its members are indifferent to what is going on in the Society. Also, we will soon find it difficult to get anyone to talk or prepare anything before an empty house.

Nearly every meeting of the New York Numismatic Club has a larger attendance than any of our meetings, and their list of members is not nearly as large. I should say our attendance was about 2% and the attendance of the club was 25%.

Very truly yours,



April 1, 1915.

Mr. Henry Russell Drowne  
64 Pearl Street Cor, Broad,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Drowne:-

Can you come up here some afternoon before  
very long as Mr. Ruch and myself have several matters which we  
would like to take up with you?

Very truly yours,

Oct. 13, 1915.

Mr. Henry Russell Drowne

Chairman, House Committee,

Dear Mr. Drowne:-

As I reported to you sometime ago, the red lining in all of the cases in the balcony have faded so badly that they should be relined.

I have figured out how much cloth would be needed to reline the wall cases, the railing cases and the trays that fit into the same. The least amount would be 110 running feet of goods 72 in. wide, or approximately, 40 yards. I am submitting herewith a sample of felt that costs seventy cents a yard. It is not as good a quality as what was used down-stairs, the sample of which is herewith enclosed. This is due to the war as in the old piece imported dies were used and in the new piece American dies were used. The dealer here claims that the goods will not fade and the slight difference in the color of the black would never be noticed as the new and the old would be used on two different floors.

Very truly yours,



HENRY R. DROWNE

54 PEARL ST, COR. BROAD

TELEPHONE, BROAD 6397

NEW YORK.

July 29-1916

My dear Mr. Wood

Don't for an instant take this letter as any criticism on the splendid work you have been doing for the Numismatic Society - its object is pure business so that we can get down to figures and see where we are coming out.

Last year we had a publication fund of some 2500.<sup>00</sup> or more, and the money was well spent for a splendid publication.

NOW we spent all our money in this fund, paid all our regular expenses, and at the close of the year had a balance of 253.<sup>50</sup> on hand. Now where is the money to come from to print the journal next year (unless we have some unexpected windfall).

THEREFORE I should like to have an estimate on the proposed cost of the next year journal, so that the matter can be brought up at the next meeting of the Council and considered.

From a business point of view I don't see but that we have got to put a limit on how much we can spend for publications for the new year.

otherwise we will be liable to contract more obligations than we can meet, for we have a good efficient force now and salaries should be taken care of first.

It looks to me as if — had we had a librarian <sup>to pay</sup> all summer we would have ended the year short of money.

As regards the publication business it looks as if we should have to "cut our pattern according to our cloth" and not do more printing than we have money in sight to pay for in 1916

With kindest regards  
Remain

Yours very sincerely  
F. R. Brown



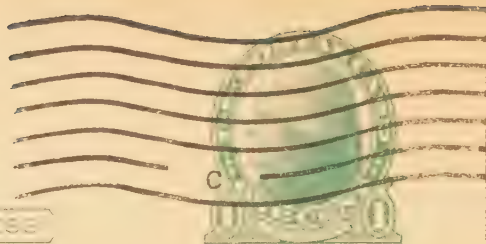
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569	"	"	32	Bought
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583	"	"	14	
584	"	"	7	
586	"	"	65	
587	"	"	10	Bought
612	"	"	7	Bought
614	"	"	35	
625	"	"	35	
713	"	"	95	
725	"	"	23	
734	"	"	115	
737	"	"	50	
738	"	"	22	
789	"	"	50	
790	"	"	35	
791	"	"	95	
823	"	"	90	Bought

So you got 5 lots

Yours

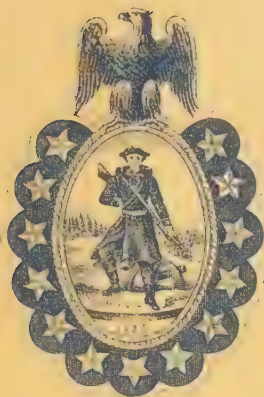
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Howland Wood Esq  
American Numismatic Society  
156 St West of Bway  
N.Y.C.





# Sons of the Revolution

in the State of New York

Frances Tavern

Corner Broad & Pearl Streets

New York City

May 29th, 1918.

American Numismatic Society,  
New York City,  
New York.

Dear Sirs:-

I have the honor to report that at the meeting of the Board of Managers of this Society, held on Monday, May 27th, 1918, permission was granted to loan to your society the collection of Medals and Decorations which had been left us by a will of the late Col. William E. Van Wyck of this city. Kindly acknowledge receipt of the same.

Yours very truly,

*Henry Russell Brown*  
Secretary.

December 15th, 1920.

Mr. Henry Russell Drowne,  
54 Pearl Street, Cor. Broad,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Drowne:-

I am now balancing my accounts for the Indian Peace Medals that we got in Chapman's sale, and as you said you would let us have twenty dollars, I am therefore calling on you for this amount.

We did not get in the sale that "Happy while United" medal, therefore why not write to the party that left it saying that it was a medal presented during the reign of George III to friendly Indians as was the custom at that time, and belongs to one of the series known as the "Happy while United Medals". These came in several sizes, and this one is the smallest size. Then say that our Society would like to have it, and is willing to give twenty-five dollars for it. Also that we regret that it is badly damaged as the whole top is gone which consisted of a pipe of peace and an eagle's wing. If it was in better condition, we could offer more money.

Very truly yours,

Curator.



HENRY R. DROWNE

54 PEARL ST, COR. BROAD

TELEPHONE, BROAD 6397

NEW YORK,

Dec 15-1920

Dear Mr. Wood

I have heard nothing as yet regarding the Indian Peace Medal and Mr. Ford keeps coming in and it is beginning to be quite an awkward matter to explain the long delay.

If you don't want to do anything about it I will come up and get it, or if you want to write him direct, address

George Hounsfeld Ford  
138 Clinton St.

Brooklyn, N.Y.

I received the medal in Aug and you did not get it till Oct, so of course the delay is partly my fault, but I grabbed it as I had never seen one like it before, and wanted you to see it.

Yours very truly  
Henry R. Drowne

HENRY R. DROWNE  
54 PEARL ST. COR. BROAD  
NEW YORK CITY  
TELEPHONE BROAD 6897

Dec 20/1920

Dear Mr. Wood -

Please see what you can  
add to this report (which  
I did not know I was respon-  
sible for this year)

I have sent copy to Mr. Blake  
asking him to add what  
can be said about U.S.A.

Mr. Fox called about the Haply  
Indian Medal - said \$25<sup>00</sup> was  
no object, would prefer to buy it  
himself and might give it to the  
Society. Suggested he write  
Chapman and he took the  
photos and left the medal  
here

Yours hastily

Drowne



December 23rd, 1920

Henry R. Drowne, Esq.  
54 Pearl Street  
New York City

My dear Mr. Drowne:

I think your report good, and I see nothing to add or substract in it.

I have not kept myself sufficiently well posted in paper money to help you out very much. If you want, you might add that in France, Belgium and Italy, one hardly sees a piece of silver money so that small denomination paper money is necessary; and the various Governments, on account of the high cost of silver, have not seen their way clear to remedy the situation by coining large sums of silver.

Up to a few months ago, in France paper money for a few francs - or less, was issued by different towns or cities, and was current only in the locality of the issuing place. But since the summer, the Chamber of Commerce of Paris has issued paper of two francs, one franc, and fifty centimes which seems to be current throughout France. In England, the paper money has taken the place of gold; in Holland, the one-guelden note has pretty nearly driven out the silver money about the denomination of a guelden.

The table you have at the end should be abridged to include only a few countries.

Very truly yours,

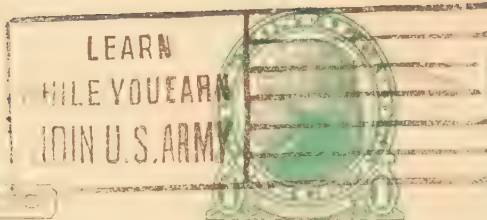
Curator

W./E

Dear Mr Wood

Mr Ford was in to day to say  
he had a bid of \$100.<sup>00</sup> for the  
Indian Medal, and seemed inclined to  
consider it. Was the Soc. anything  
further to say - or will they now  
drop out. I told him it looked  
like a pretty good offer to me con-  
sidering its poor condition. He told  
me the other day he would rather keep  
it than take 50.- Yours H. K. Brown.





THIS IS A SPECIAL DELIVERY ADDRESS

Mr. Harrison L. Wood  
American Humane Society  
156 E 4th Broadway  
N.Y.C.

January 5th, 1920

Henry R. Drowne, Esq.  
54 Pearl Street, New York

Dear Mr. Drowne:

I have your card regarding the Indian Service Medal  
and consider \$100 too much for a medal in such poor condition,  
and consequently do not feel warranted in buying it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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August 9th, 1921

Henry R. Drowne, Esq.  
54 Pearl Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Drowne:

I want to thank you for the very enjoyable time I had with you on Sunday; it gave me much pleasure to be able to see your home, and I should be glad if you would also thank Mrs. Drowne for allowing so disreputable looking a wayfarer to take dinner with you. I arrived home all right without any wetting.

I did not get the Monday Times, so did not see the account of the aeroplane which was wrecked near Sandy Hook. The lightning on Sunday afternoon hit two cottages near us and killed a man in one of them, so there was plenty of excitement our way.

We have a German East Africa gold piece. These were considered valuable at first but now there appear to be a good many floating around: in fact, several hundred have been brought to this country, and I doubt if anyone today could get \$8 or \$10 for them.

Very truly yours,

HW/E

HENRY R. DROWNE  
54 PEARL ST. COR. BROAD  
NEW YORK CITY  
TELEPHONE BROAD 8207

Sept 7-1921

Mr Alfred Lederstein  
who has just ret'd  
from abroad wants  
to know if Society  
has a set of the  
porcelain coins of  
Italy

With regards

Sincerely

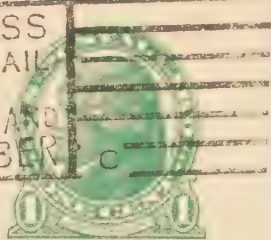
Drowne

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ADDRESS  
YOUR MAIL  
TO  
STREET AND  
NUMBER



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Howland Wood Esq  
American Numismatic Soc  
Broadway & 156 St  
N.Y.C.

Dear Mr Newell

Last year Mr Wood made a  
photo. for Commander McCandless  
of the original (first) seal of the  
Continental Congress which was  
designed by Francis Hopkinson

It came out very nicely and  
I sent him one — but I write  
to ask if you cannot also send  
a copy to the New York  
Historical Society

It was an oval of 13 stars  
with E PLURIBUS UNUM

And oblige

H R Drowne

2/25/22

W. L. G. Drowne



HENRY R. DROWNE

54 PEARL ST, COR. BROAD

TELEPHONE, BROAD 6397

NEW YORK,

August 15/1922

Sydney P. Nov Esq Secretary

Dear Mr Nov

I have been carefully over the enclosed list, and do not think that anything particularly interests me, so return it so that it can be used for some one else.

Should think Warner or Embroff might be interested for they both collect Manuscript books whereas I have given mine to the Society. There is time enough about that photo of seal of the Continental Congress for the New York Historical Society and Mr Wood can attend to it on his return.

With regards

Yours very sincerely  
Henry Russell Drowne

August 16th, 1922

Henry R. Browne, Esq.  
Frances Tavern  
Cor. Broad & Pearl Sts.  
New York City

Dear Mr. Browne:

You will see that I am back on the job!

It will be a long time to find the negative with  
the seal which we did for Commander *Quincy Canfield*.  
All our negatives are at the photographer's and we  
have no room to keep them here and I very much  
doubt if the photographer could identify this seal  
very easily as I think it was made on a plate with  
several other subjects. The next time I am there,  
I will see what I can do in going through the nega-  
tives.

Very truly yours,

Gurston

September 12th, 1922.

Mr. Henry Russell Drowne,  
66 Pearl Street, Cor. Broad,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Drowne:-

Today I am sending a photograph of the original (first) seal of the Continental Congress which was designed by Francis Hopkinson to the New York Historical Society. This you requested sometime ago.

Very truly yours,

Curator.



Atlantic Highlands N.J.  
Sept 18/1922

Dear Mr. Wood

Thanks for your recent favor  
saying you had sent photo. of the  
first seal of the Continental Congress  
to New York Historical Society and  
have since had a letter from them  
asking for data as to what it was  
used on, &c — which I sent.  
Vote meeting of the Council on  
Sept 22 at 4 P.M. but as  
my boat leaves at 4.10 I  
shall be unable to attend  
any of these meetings until  
I return to the city when I  
shall hope to appear actively  
in the field again.

With kind regards to all

Yours very sincerely

Henry R. Brown

# Post Card

1/1/23

For message

For address



An "Current History  
Magazine for Jan 1923  
is an illustrated  
article by Rogatz  
entitled "Dearth  
of Small Change  
in France"

Yours truly

H. R. Drowne

Howland Wood Esq  
Curator

Amer. Numismatic  
Society

156 St & Broadway  
New York City



## PINE TREE INN, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

### THE INN IN THE PINES

A HOMELIKE fall, winter and early spring resort in the heart of the great, sandy pine belt of the state, with its mild, dry and bracing climate. Only 70 miles—one hour and forty-five minutes from Liberty Street, New York, and ten minutes more from West 23d Street via Central R. R. of N. J. One hour and thirty-five minutes to two hours from Philadelphia, according to route; 45 miles via the Brown's Mills-Lakehurst road. Excellent roads to and from New York and the coast. The Inn has been built especially for winter. It is heated by steam and lighted by electricity. An unusually large amount of space has been given to the public rooms, including a Sun Parlor, one hundred and twenty feet long. A practice golf course and a concrete tennis court for use of guests are directly across from the Inn. The climate is such that golf, tennis, rowing and skating can each be enjoyed during the season. Further information given on request.

*Summer Season: Monomonock Inn, Caldwell, N. J.*

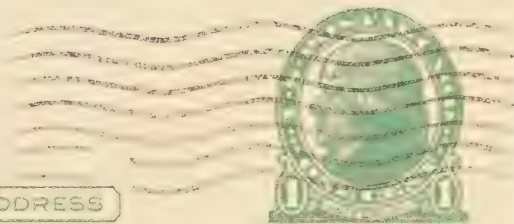
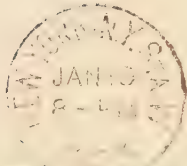
ALBERT A. LEROY, *Proprietor*



11/19/13 Thank for your card that  
was copied wrong it should  
be denominationalized so  
please make correction

Note 21500 marks for a Dollar  
now, so its a wonder they have  
any purchasing power at all.  
Quite a jump from 8000 or so

With regards your bank  
they will soon be lining  
up wall paper & chairs. Growie



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Howard Wood Esq  
Boston

American Museum of Natural History  
156 H & Broadway  
New York City

2/16/23

Dear Mr. Wood

Our Bill had up at  
home - but only waiting  
for moderate weather -  
and hope to get about  
next week. Was 3 with

you in the cold

Did you notice the  
death of

Sam P. Wyman  
the man who had  
some of the rare  
Horned Lizard (Indian)  
too in the early  
days. -

Yours sincerely

R. R. Drouse





(THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS)

Forland Wood Esq  
Director  
American Communications Society  
156 St & Broadway  
N.Y.C.

February 17th, 1923

Henry R. Drowne, Esq.  
54 Pearl Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Drowne:

I am very sorry to learn from your post-card that you are tied to your home, and hope that you will soon be feeling quite yourself again. I sympathize with your having been in the hands of the dentist and trust your troubles are over.

No, I had not noticed mention of the death of Henry P. Wyman.

Ruch has been so busy in helping prepare for the Sculpture exhibition that I have had no chance to put him on to looking up the Numismatists that contain the Confederate money, as these books are back of a lot of cases and other things which will take quite a while to move.

Very truly yours,

HW/E

March 7th, 1923

Henry Russell Drowne, Esq.  
54 Pearl Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Drowne:

I was sorry to have missed you last Saturday when you were up here, and I trust that you have fully recovered from your illness.

I want to thank you for the tickets you sent to us for the Washington's Birthday meeting. Unfortunately, both Mrs. Reed and I were away over this date, or I would have communicated with you sooner.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

HR/E



306 West 78 St

March 9-1923

Dear Mr Wood

I find I made some mistakes  
in regard to the coins and got  
some duplicates on account of  
the similarity of names, <sup>on my last list I marked</sup> so am  
returning two of them, one at .75¢  
and one at 25¢ and enclose here-  
with a check for the remainder  
\$2.<sup>35</sup> instead of \$3.<sup>55</sup> and will look  
them over again to see if the ones  
I thought I had and didn't have are  
there - excuse my error.

Remain, with thanks,

Yours very sincerely

Henry R. Droun

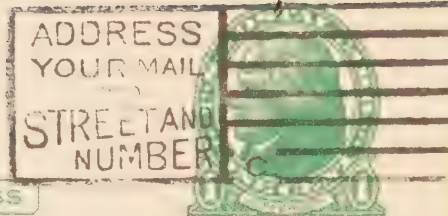
HENRY B. DROWNE  
24 NASSAU ST. COR. BROAD  
NEW YORK CITY  
TELEPHONE 300-1100

5/7-1923

Meeting of Council May 11-  
regret to state I shall be  
in Wilmington, Delaware  
attending the Triennial  
Meeting of the Society  
of the Cincinnati so  
will be unable to attend

Yours H.B. Drowne

Lucy - What is the lacquer  
you use on silver coins to  
keep them from tarnishing  
and would it be practical  
to use it on a steel helmet?  
I have just cleaned that  
seems to be <sup>chromium</sup> inlaid with gold  
to keep the rust from  
coming back in summer time  
? I had to use emery paper  
to get the rust off



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Howland Wood Esq  
Curator  
American Mammal Soc  
156 H & B Broadway  
N.Y.C.



December 4th, 1923.

Mr. Henry Russell Drowne,  
54 Pearl Street, Cor. Broad,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Drowne:

I understand that the Massachusetts Society, Sons of Revolution presented a medal to the best non-commissioned officer of field artillery and the best ~~rural~~ gun pointer. These are known as the Knox medals. I understand that if I write to the Secretary of the Sons of the Revolution of the State of Massachusetts, I may stand a chance of getting specimens of these. Could you let me know the name and address of the Secretary?

Col. Falls was up the other day, and we examined the French badges of the Society of the Cincinnati. The one with the crepe on is gold with white head, neck and tail, with blue and green enamelled center. This piece was undoubtedly cast and chased. Another one we have labelled "Early French Make" appears to be silver. The neck only is enamelled white. The center medallion not enamelled. This appears to have been struck. Another one of recent French make, that Col. Falls seems to think was like the one shown recently as possibly being from original dies, is silver gilt with no enamel on the eagle. This piece was struck. The one with the crepe on is by far the most interesting and best made one of the lot, and is much smaller than any of the others.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

HENRY R. DROWNE

54 PEARL ST. COR. BROAD

TELEPHONE, BROAD 6397

NEW YORK,

Dec 6/1923

My dear Mr Wood

Many thanks for your kind letter as well as the report of your investigation of the old "Cincinnati" insignia which is very interesting.

The address of the Mass. Soc. Sons of the Revolution who issue the Knox Trophy and medal is Herbert H. Wallace Secy 84 State St. Boston, Mass.

\* This is I think exactly like the one (of the first seven?) presented to Col Zach Gilgiman by Washington and which I had the Bailey Bankes & Biddle Co make a wax impression so you could have a plaster cast of same in May last. Did you get it? If not please write for it.

With kindest regards

Yours very sincerely Henry R. Drowne

December 7th, 1923.

Henry Russell Drowne, Esq.,  
54 Pearl Street, Cor. Broad,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Drowne:

Your letter at hand, and I note the newspaper clipping from Connor. Mr. Connor and I have been working together on these world war medals for several years. We have tried to plan our work so as not to complicate and duplicate, and every little while to compare notes.

I have just written to the Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company asking about the plaster model of the earliest design of the Order of the Cincinnati.

Very truly yours,

Curator.



HENRY R. DROWNE

54 PEARL ST. COR. BROAD

TELEPHONE, BROAD 6397

NEW YORK,

Jan 1 - 1924

My dear Mr Wood

I received a letter from Mr Liechtenstein and you will note his request of advice in regard to a proposed medal for the Collectors Club.

If you can spare the time would suggest that it would be good policy to send him a few prints of recent medals with an idea of the cost of production for the reason that my friend is a very nice fellow who can do us a lot of good for he has important business connections in Switzerland and goes abroad about four times a year and may be sufficiently interested to get a good many interesting things for the Society.

Would Mr Swanson of the Whithead & Hoag Co. not be a good one to suggest for what he wants - his medal of Eliot Smith was excellent

Possibly it would be well for you to write direct on the letter head of the Society  
With best wishes of a Happy New Year

Yours very sincerely

Henry R. Drowne

January 6th, 1924

Henry R. Drowne, Esq.  
54 Pearl Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Drowne:

I have written Mr. Lichtenstein giving what advice I could. I have referred him to both Swanson and Dickinson (of J.F. Newman CO.) Any of our medals would be away beyond his limit, but I think that he can get from one or the other of these two men an excellent grade of, what we call it, artistic shop work, which would prove satisfactory to him.

I am returning Mr. Lichtenstein's letter in case you need it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E  
Enc.



# Sons of the Revolution

in the State of New York

Frances Tavern

Corner Broad & Pearl Streets

New York City

Dear Mr Wood

March 5 - 1824

I hardly know if I should send the enclosed to you or Mr Noe — and by the way I was glad to see he was well enough to be out last night.

My son had a talk with Mr Clarke and suggested we <sup>The Am. Num. Soc.</sup> might have duplicates that would assist him in making up the Collection of Decorations that he wanted to give to Yale University — I knew, not long ago, that you had quite a lot of Serbian decorations to dispose of and thought there might possibly be others, and it might also be desirable to have Mr Clarke get in touch with the Society.

So I think you now better take the matter up direct with Mr Clarke and let him know if you can help him in any way.

Remain, with regards

Yours very sincerely  
Henry Russell Drowne

Letter from Col Hall to-day says he will be back in a few days.



March 6th, 1924

Henry Russell Drowne, Esq.  
54 Pearl Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Drowne:

Your letter received, but unfortunately we are unable to help Mr. Clarke with any decorations as our duplicates have all been sent to Elder. I will, however, write to Mr. Clarke and invite him up here.

I have been wondering where Colonel Falls has been of late.

Very truly yours,

Curator



# Sons of the Revolution

in the State of New York

Frances Tavern

Corner Broad & Pearl Streets

New York City

*It looks like this is too poor -*

My dear Mr Wood -

June 7-1924

Have just returned from a 60 day trip abroad - but regret to say did not have time enough to take up Numismatics beyond calling at the British Museum and meeting Mr —, head of the coin dept.

On the way back I met a lady who had bought an old Turkish? brooch in Tunis - It looked quite old and was beautifully and finely inscribed so I endeavored to take a rubbing with very poor success, because so fine. I enclose it in the hope that with a strong glass you can tell her what it is about - a prayer, something copied from the Koran or what. If you can just give an idea of what it is about, it will suffice.

Hoping your good wife and family are well as also yourself remain, with kindest regards

Yours very sincerely

Henry Russell Dromie





June 11th 1924

Henry Russell Drowne, Esq.  
Fraunces Tavern  
Broad & Pearl Streets  
New York City

Dear Mr. Drowne:

Your letter received, and I have written Mrs. McKeen concerning the rubbing you sent me. Unfortunately. I cannot read it.

I am glad to see the notice of the book on the Order of Merit, and have asked Eoe to subscribe to it.

I am taking a vacation this summer and am only here on Wednesdays, so if you come up hoping to see me, choose a Wednesday.

Very truly yours,

Curator

May 15th, 1925

Henry Russell Drowns, Esq.  
306 West 78th Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Drowns:

Referring to your question as to whether or not the Society has in its Collection the Washington Monument card, I find that we have not such a card; nor do I know by what it was issued.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

Curator

November 10th, 1925

Henry R. Drowne, Esq.  
306 West 78th Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Drowne:

Many thanks for your cheque toward securing the Indian Peace medals, which Mr. Newell handed over to me.

I am very glad that there is a chance of seeing you at the meeting on Saturday.

I am enclosing, herewith, the piece of paper money about which you enquired. This was used in the Fiji Islands. The C R at the top is as on the stamps - the initials of Cocobolo Rex.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Curator

HENRY R. DROWNE

54 PEARL ST. COR. BROAD

306 W. 78 St

TELEPHONE, BROAD 6397

NEW YORK,

Nov 18/1925

Dear Mr Wood

As my Cousin Miss Rhodes died last summer I had the telephone moved from up stairs down to the library where I can respond hereafter. Personally I would not pay over 40.<sup>00</sup> for any Cincinnati decoration except the original French ones.

I will see what I can do for Mr Gillingham - gladly and if I were to mention or write to members I would pay \$50.<sup>00</sup> for one think it will not be long before one would respond, or refer me to some one who had two.

At the sale to-day I bought

Lt 809 Doggerbank 2 medals 3.<sup>50</sup>  
silver

" 881 Cincinnati Medal silver 9.<sup>00</sup>

" 916 Decoration Louis Revolution 11.<sup>50</sup>

\$24.<sup>00</sup>

and enclose check for that amount



and will be much obliged if you will  
get them for me - I will try to  
come up Sat. Nov 28 anyway.  
Gutting promised to bring up his  
collection of Postage Stamp Envelopes so  
I can list them - said he would  
leave them (has about 30)

Everything seemed to be sold in  
lot to-day so I judge 80¢ is only  
3.50, should it be true that I  
will of course make good.

I remain, with regards

Yours very sincerely

Harry R. Brown

March 16th, 1926

Henry R. Drowne, Esq.  
306 West 78th Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Drowne:

Please pardon me for not having let you know concerning the lay-out for the general Handbook. I turned this over to Mr. Newell, and he took his time about it. Mrs. Brett now has it. Although they realize that what you did, was but the beginning, their deliberations have been whether or not the whole would be worth while, after all. Also, I think that one of them wants to talk with Mr. Field first; consequently, nothing definite has been done.

Many thanks for your note of the Tawany Society. I have been so busy up here that I have not had a chance as yet to dig into this matter.

I am getting into shape one or two other things to look up at the Historical Society.

When I photograph this, I will have a print made for you.

Very truly yours,

Curator



156TH STREET, WEST OF BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

306 West 78 St

April 20/1926

Dear Mr Wood

Please find enclosed letter received to-day from Edward A. King, a delightful young man.

Mr A. J. Andrews in referring him to me was undoubtedly thinking of our old friend Mr William Poillon who was always very much interested in the subject, and I believe gave a great many to the Society. Possibly you may have a lot of duplicates, you may be glad to exchange with Mr King.

You will see from note he is going to publish a book on the subject, and as I have never heard of any such one before, perhaps some assistance from the Society's collection would make it worth while.

With kindest regards

Yours very sincerely

Henry Russell Brown

Perhaps a little encouragement from the Soc. might result in quite a donation from his duplicates of what we lack W.H.D.

April 21st, 1926

Henry Russell Drowne, Esq.  
306 West 78th Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Drowne:

I have just dropped a line to Mr. Edward A. King with regard to Chapter Pennies. We have a Catalogue of our Chapter pennies here which I may possibly send to Mr. King. Unfortunately, we have no duplicates.

We were very glad to see you here the other day.

Very truly yours,

Curator



120 Bay New Ave  
Atlantic Highlands N.J.  
July 14-1926

Dear Mr. Wood

Sorry to be away where I cannot drop in occasionally, and find some one to talk to about interesting things for the Numismatic Society is the only thing they let me go to now. However, the country is beautiful this year and you know what a view we have, and I now have to spend more time appreciating it, <sup>and so</sup> than I used to. Am still under Dr.'s orders to keep quiet and take it easy, but out of doors all the time and about some (not having to sit nearly all day in a chair, as last year.) He says if I don't get really better soon, it will be too late, and he wants me to make the most of my chance NOW. So I am patient and persevering (as you) anyway and still hoping for better days. I write to enclose letter from Mr. Miller which please read. I had a long talk with him at Princeton in May and think he will take up the monograph on the Cincinnati Eagle and Medals for us when he gets over the summer "bug". I am handicapped here by

no records, data or anything I can  
send him, so write to ask if you  
will not please keep him out.  
Will you not please send him photos  
of the Gannett Medal or decoration from  
Wilson sale and a copy of the data I  
sent you on the Society, and if you know  
now from Mr Wall who delivered the lecture  
at the New York Historical Soc. that I  
got it from (when I sent the little article  
to the Numismatist) let him know - also  
if you can refer him to any book on the  
subject, etc. I think it will be good  
policy to keep him out in view of  
the chances of getting him busy for us.  
Seems to me he speaks of knowing of some  
Gannett Medal in Mass, etc I'm dreaming.

Hoping you, your good wife and the  
girls are all fine  
Remain, very sincerely yours  
Henry Russell Browne

Mr Willey is a very nice man, but I judge  
takes life very easy and moves slowly.  
My kindest regards to all enquiring  
friends -



If we shall be  
in the <sup>friendly</sup> hands of  
Mr. Latimer I am sure  
New York - which Mr. Bell  
was trying to get you  
I suggest that we take  
up the matter with

Mr. Joseph H. Scoville  
28 West 52 St

and use my name as he  
is a former member of the  
League of the Revolution and  
I think will take an interest  
in the matter being I think  
an officer in the British Army  
H. R. D. H. H.

YOU ARE SPECIALLY INVITED  
TO VIEW  
A NOTABLE COLLECTION OF  
OLD ENGLISH SILVER  
ASSEMBLED BY THE  
LONDON HOUSE OF JOHN WANAMAKER  
BOTH IN POINT OF SIZE  
AMOUNTING TO FIVE HUNDRED AND SIX PIECES  
AND IN THE  
NUMBER OF EARLY AND RARE EXAMPLES  
BY MANY OF  
ENGLAND'S GREATEST SILVERSMITHS  
OF THE  
XVIIITH, XVIIIITH, AND EARLY XIXTH CENTURIES  
IT RANKS, WE BELIEVE,  
WITH THE FEW  
GREAT COLLECTIONS IN THE COUNTRY  
THE DAYS UNTIL NOVEMBER NINTH  
WILL BE HELD FOR  
PRIVATE VIEW  
BEFORE BEING ANNOUNCED TO THE PUBLIC  
IN THE NEWSPAPERS  
JOHN WANAMAKER NEW YORK  
TENTH STREET ENTRANCE



October 2nd, 1926

Henry R. Drowne, Esq.  
306 West 78th Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Drowne:

Did you ever see such a plaque as the enclosed?  
I never did. So far, I have been at a loss to give Mr.  
Andrew any help.

Very truly yours,

Enc

Curator

130 Bay View Ave

Atlantic Highlands N.J.

October 6/1926

Howland Wood Esq  
Curator

My dear Mr Wood

Your kind favor of the 2<sup>d</sup> has been  
duly received with much pleasure.

Sorry, but I cannot help — never saw or  
heard of it before.

The statement that it is a "bronze plaque"  
and of "very good art" would certainly seem  
to indicate that it was not made in  
this country at the period indicated.

The style — clouds thunderbolts & with  
horns and liberty cap would seem to me  
to be French, rather than American.

The soldier could not be Washington for  
no Frenchman or American would ever have  
represented him as a soldier carrying a musket.

While the books may bear titles that would  
indicate that this related to the American  
Revolution I, not knowing what the  
thing is, would suggest that it  
possibly would relate to the first  
French Revolution — at first sight.

Regretting my inability to assist, I remain  
with kindest regards

Respectfully yours

Langford Brown

Atlantic Highlands N.J.  
Sept 3<sup>d</sup> 1927

Dear Mr Wood

The enclosed has just reached me and unfortunately I am not posted as to the value of old Swedish coins, so I have to ask you to reply. I do not collect any Scandinavian coins. Had to report that although I am still keeping quiet, that I am around on my feet a great deal more than formerly and getting on very nicely.

I sincerely hope that Mrs Wood is very much better and that you and your family are all well.

As suggested, I wrote a paper on the Fractional Currency information from Washington, D.C., and sent it to the Numismatic Convention at Hartford - and enclose you copy of same for the library

With kindest regards to yourself and all remain  
Very sincerely yours  
Henry Russell Brown



September 6, 1927

Mr. Henry Russell Drowne,  
Atlantic Highlands, N. J.

Dear Mr. Drowne:

I am very glad to hear from you and feel somewhat ashamed for not having written you sometime during the summer. Mrs. Wood is going along very nicely and I think has nearly recovered. She has been away in New England the past month and is due back some day this week. She probably will have to have a little massage this fall. From the time I last saw you until about August 1st, she had to stay home and have certain massage and electrical treatments, but her improvement was very noticeable.

I still have your "Savage" and will return it to you when you get home. I didn't actually locate which Wood was my ancestor but have narrowed it down to two or three. I will hand Noe the copy of your paper on fractional currency. During the summer we have painted the entire inside of the building and we have been more or less upset and in confusion, naturally, but everything is done now and we look fine.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Drowne and believe  
me

Very truly yours,

HW:MB



130 Bay View Ave

Atlantic Highlands N.J.  
Sept 7, 1899

Howland Wood Esq  
New York

My dear Mr Wood

Thanks for your very kind favor of Sept 6, and I am very glad to hear that your wife is so much better and sincerely hope the cure will be permanent.

I will get the Savage when I come back in November now if you are able to narrow the Woods down to two or three would note the locations and go to the Historical Society or the N.Y. Public Library - Genealogical Dept. and ask for the Vital Records (births, marriages & deaths) if published, and so possibly carry the line on for a generation or two until your farthest ancestor back you have will be mentioned (keeping track of dates so as not to have a mix up if names are duplicated). Also ask for any Wood genealogies as some one may have published one <sup>recently</sup> that you never heard of. Enclose an article from Sunday paper mentioning find of ancient coins.

Did you know Major Otto Holstein of Trujillo Veré is now in N.Y.C. address The Woolsey 141 E 44 St Apartment 7 E, and goes to the Geographic Soc. frequently. He called to see you when you were away.

Glad to hear that the great struggle of painting the place is all over successfully, and hope you escaped most of it. My wife is off on an auto trip for a few days, she has picked up quite a number of pieces

of <sup>nice</sup> antique furniture in her trips in the back country this summer and keeps me busy staining, polishing and painting, even to making chair seats and putting out legs.

Kindest regards Yours very sincerely H. H. S. (some)

5th December, 1927

Mr. Henry Russell Drowne,  
306 West 78th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Drowne:

I have just written Willey and have sent him another photograph (or, better, a photograph) of the Tammany medal. I was under the impression that I had already sent him one but probably had not.

I was very glad to see you up here the other day, and trust you will be able to get up again now and then.

Sincerely yours,

Curator



HENRY R. DROWNE  
305 WEST 78TH ST.  
NEW YORK CITY

Sat. pm

Dear Mr Wood

Encuse the scrape of paper.

I had hard luck and was only  
able to capture two lots for you.

1929 at 5.<sup>00</sup>

1983 2 + 2.<sup>10</sup> 4.<sup>20</sup>

Raymond learned the prices of all  
you wanted away up and surely  
was buying for stock for he bought  
these lots of the same coin when  
offered. I first thought he had  
an order for one and let him buy  
the first one, thinking the next  
would go cheaper, but he was bidding  
for all of them. Then I tried to buy  
the first one but had no better  
success as he was me out every time on  
all of them. He did not get much.  
I enclose the lists you gave me priced.  
He also learned the prices of paper money  
(Colonies) away up to times when they  
sold for before.

I paid for the coins and brought  
them home. Drop in any day but Monday  
only phone so I will know you are coming  
so I will be in yours sincerely  
H R Drowne

1/4/30

HARRY R. DROWNE  
205 WEST 78TH ST.  
NEW YORK CITY

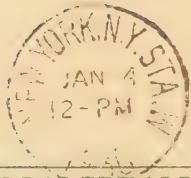
Letter of 1/2 read and I  
have written to the  
man that has the  
postage stamp notes.  
Most remarkable thing  
I ever heard of — That  
Silver Circumlocution Eagle  
# 389, Am. Art Galleries  
sale today brought  
\$ 2300.<sup>00</sup>

WHY—

Yours faithfully,  
Drowne

Heav I shall be there up  
for some time —





NOTIFY  
YOUR  
SECOND



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Howland Wood Esq  
American Mammalian Society  
Broadway & 156 St  
New York City

January 2, 1930

Henry Russell Drowne, Esq.  
54 Pearl Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Drowne:

The enclosed letter may be of interest to you. We should like to have these two currency notes if we could get them at a reasonable price. You would know what this ought to be better than we do.

Yours very truly,

Curator.

January 20, 1930

Henry Russell Drowne, Esq.  
306 West 78th Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Browne:

I have just received another letter from John A. Leitch, and he would like to sell us his Newport postage script. What should we offer him for it? I realize he has an exalted idea about them and we probably cannot get them at the price we should be willing to pay.

I am planning to come down to see you at the first opportunity. Moving into the new building is keeping me very much tied down.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

HENRY R. DROWNE  
227 VICTORIA ROAD  
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Feb'y 20<sup>th</sup> 1932

Dear Mr Wood

I guess I had a pretty close call last summer but am getting along fairly well and hope to return about well again in the spring, and I trust be able to stay at home next winter.

On Elders next sale Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 1932, there are better things than usual, so please they may have attracted your attention. — and I have a favor to ask.

Regarding lot # 989 "American Independence" Betts 612- will you please refer to the Betts book at the Society and see if there is really anything on this, in design or inscription, that relates to the U.S. — or if it is merely included as one of the series (in which a number refer to American Independence as to # 987 and # 988, also in this sale. I am only interested

in it if it relates directly to the U.S. (American Independence)

I remember that there are quite a number included in the series that only relate to the war in Europe — and not to our country.

If it relates to U.S. please send in a bid of \$4.<sup>00</sup> (or more), keep it for me, and I will remit direct to you, if of course, this chances to buy it.

I hope your good wife and family are all well

With kindest regards and best wishes I remain

Very sincerely yours

Henry Russell Drowne

x or would give \$5.<sup>00</sup> if you think better —



February 24, 1932.

Mr. Henry M. Drowne  
227 Victoria Road  
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Drowne:

To begin with, all are sending their best regards, and were most glad to know that you are steadily improving and trust that we will see you later on in the spring. Just now, it is anything but spring-like weather.

I have looked up Lot No. 989 and cannot see that the medal which is a French one has any direct bearing on America. It is simply commemorating the peace treaty between England and France and of course that refers to some extent to us, but we are not mentioned on the medal nor do I see anything symbolical on the figure on the reverse that would pertain to us, so I am not buying it.

We have all been generally well this winter, now and then a cold or sore throat but other than that we are on the right side of the balance sheet. I am glad that you like the country and I think you are to be congratulated in seeing so little of the depression and the hard times.

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary

HENRY R. DROWNE  
227 VICTORIA ROAD  
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

May 10th 1932

Dear Mr. Wood

I have been so much better of late that I went to Philadelphia last week to attend the Executive Meeting of the General Society of the Circinnate, and returned here Sunday night.

The Pennsylvania Society have issued a very handsome bronze plaque (model) and I applied for one as usual, for our Society.

The Secretary told me he would reserve one but he wanted the Society to please make an application for it so he would have a record — so will you please write to (soon) Joseph Knox Hornance, Secretary

The State Society of the Circinnate of Pennsylvania

Twede & Penn Streets

Narristown, Penna.

and say you do it at my suggestion.

I am enclosing a list of sale catalogues received by me here — should the Society desire any of them please let me know, before I discard them.

When in Philadelphia we spent a very enjoyable afternoon with our good friend Mr. Fillingham, but I forgot to inquire as to Mr. Beatty's condition, whom I hope is much better by this time.

The weather is still so changeable that I shall remain here until some time between May 15 and June 1, and will then return direct to the Atlantic Highlands, N. J.

Hoping that Mrs Wood yourself and daughters are all enjoying good health I remain,  
with regards Very sincerely yours  
Henry Russell Drowne



Barney Limestone	May 13 x 14	1882
Charles F. Fisher	May 7 -	1882
Elder	May 13 x 14 -	1882
Frederick	Dec 4 x 5	1881
Charles F. Fisher	Jan 23	1882
Elder	Jan 23	1882
Elder	Feb 27	1882
Elder	Dec 15 x 17	1881
Elder	Nov 20 x 21	1881
Elder	April 1 x 2	1882
Barney Limestone	Jan 16 -	1882
Barney Limestone	Apr 18 x 19	1882
M. H. Bender	Feb 7 -	1882
Chas F. Fisher	Nov 7 -	1881

If any of the above are wanted  
 please let me know

Wm H. Loomis  
 Coin Sale Catalogues



May 13, 1932.

Mr. Henry R. Drowne  
227 Victoria Road  
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Drowne:

Every time I get a letter from you I blow myself up for not having written to you, but by the time I get through answering the day's mail I have so many other things to attend to that good intentions go out of the window.

I am very glad that you are feeling better and that you were able to get up to Philadelphia. I will write to the State Secretary of the Cincinnati applying for one of the medals. Again I want to thank you for remembering us.

I have had Mosser look through the sale catalogues and find that we have all of them and do not need any. There is a Council meeting today and Mr. Gillinham is coming up. Mr. Beatty is no better, nor is he any worse. In fact he is just the same as when he went to Connecticut.

The weather here during May has been cold, rainy and about everything that would termed disagreeable. We are all well here and the family are well, as well.

Kind regards,

HENRY R. THORNE,  
21 AVENUE ROAD,  
BALTIMORE, M. D.

January 6/1933

My dear Mr Wood

My wife and I desire to congratulate your good wife and self on the announcement of the marriage of your daughter Elizabeth, and to wish the bride a great deal of happiness.

My, does not time pass quickly, it really seems but a short time ago that we saw her presenting roses to the French Marshall.

I much regret not being able to be present at the coming Annual Meeting of the Society, for a good many years I hardly missed a meeting. Please give my greetings and regards to all inquiring friends.

I am glad to report that I am doing finely again here in this wonderful climate, and the doctor recently told me that, if all continued well, he thought I could return home cured and live NORTH hereafter. This sounds good to me, for it was rather a raw deal for me to have to leave all my "toys" at home. Yours very sincerely  
Henry Russell Thorne

January 10, 1933.

Mr. Henry R. Drowne  
31 Busbee Road  
Biltomore, N. C.

Dear Mr. Drowne:

Many thanks for your kind letter and I told Elizabeth you wished to be remembered to her. She has just got back.

I am very glad to hear that the Doctor says you have improved to such an extent that you can live north pretty soon. I know just how you feel. Things have been going along here in the usual manner and I trust we will see you before long.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG



Feb 21, 1923

Dear Mr Wood

The enclosed was forwarded to me but I have nothing here to refer to that would enable me to reply, so I am sending it on to you in the hope that there will be something similar in the Societies collection.

I judge it to be a gold plated medalet which perhaps was won by Thornb at "Barnum's".

You can probably express an opinion as to when it was struck by the style of work.

I remember when Capt. Tom Thornb and Minnie Warren were on exhibition, (also I think, Commodore Nut), and that I bought a photograph and brought it home. That must have been in the seventies, I judge.

We have had a lot more winter down here than a year ago, but it is beginning to look springlike, jonquils, myrtle, Japanese honey-suckle and <sup>yellow</sup> jessamine are starting to bloom as also a few peach and pear trees, as we have had lots of rain and some very warm afternoons, although the day temp is only 38° for a change. Some afternoons recently it was 76°



Hope things are going nicely at the Society.  
Finances are so wretched now a-days,  
one does not know what to expect, and  
we all will be in bad luck if there is  
not a change for the better soon.

Hoping you and your family are all well  
Remain, with regards

Yours very sincerely  
Henry Russell Brown

It is not necessary  
to reply this

November 27, 1933

Mr. Henry Russell Drowne  
16 Gertrude Place  
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Drowne:

It has been a long time since we have written one another. Edgar E. Hume, who is now connected with the Army Medical Library at Washington and who you know as a fellow member of the Cincinnati, has been writing me for a photograph of a medal you say we have here which was made on the occasion of the Triennial Meeting of the Cincinnati in Baltimore in 1914. I have been unable to locate this medal. I cannot find it among Brenner's things as Hume said Brenner designed it nor can I find it with our Cincinnati medals. It possibly had the portrait of someone on it and if so it may be among our portrait medals?

Very truly yours,

HW: JG

Curator

HENRY M. DROWNE

RENEVILLE, N. C.

18 Gertrude Place

Nov. 29, 1933

Howland Wood Esq  
Curator  
New York City

My dear Mr Wood

I was much pleased to receive your very kind letter of the 27th. and hasten to reply.

First, I am wondering if you have understood Major Hume's letter correctly, for the reason that in his article on "George Washington and the Society of the Cincinnati", recently published by the G.W. Bicentennial Commission, he shows, with others, on page 16, an illustration of the medal issued for the Triennial Meeting in Baltimore 1914.

I am inclined to think that he may derive a photo. of a similar medal, which was made by Brenner about 1900/1905, my recollection is that this was a little smaller and thinner, and remember giving Mr Brenner a photo. of the original design for a medal for the Cincinnati by Major L'Enfant of the Revolution, and telling him no medal had ever been made. I think Mr Brenner made it as one of his early trial pieces to perpetuate the work of Major L'Enfant.

I feel quite sure that Brenner presented one of the medals to the Society, at the same time that he gave one to me.

Major Hume had not heard that Brenner had made such a medal, until I wrote him recently, so I am inclined to think he wants the Brenner medal.



My recollection is that this is more on the type of the contemporary French medals with thin edge and that in the scenes portrayed the sun rays and clouds are more developed.

There is nothing on the Baltimore<sup>1914</sup> medal to show it was struck for the Biennial Meeting of 1914, and both portray the same scenes.

Ob. Man with plow surmounted by angel of victory  
Flowing horn &c SOCIETAS CINCINNATORUM INSTITUTA  
1783 - R. Four men and a woman before a cabin &c  
OMNIA RELINQUIT SERVARE REMPUBLICAM.

I presume Mr Newell is away as I wrote him some six weeks ago and received no reply. I sincerely hope the Society is getting along all right, unfortunately not all mortgage investments have turned out well.

It was a great disappointment to me not to stay at home in N.Y.C. this winter, but on doctors advice I decided to return here for another winter. I had gained so splendidly in the last two years by coming here, that they persuaded me to try and see if I could not get the lung trouble cured, — before it was too late.

Being now 73, I thought I had best make the most of my time. It certainly is a beautiful country here in the mountains and a very attractive place to live. I have been surprised to see how many have been sent here for their health, got well, and decided to reside here permanently. Cold at night, but quite mild afterwards. Very few of the foreign element that we see so much of in N.Y.C. of late years. Really a very nice class of Americans.

Hope your good wife and self are quite well, with kindest regards  
Very sincerely yours

Henry Russell Browne

December 4, 1933.

Mr. Henry Russell Drowne  
16 Gertrude Place  
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Drowne:

I was glad to hear from you and it was Brenner's medal that Hume wanted to have photographed. I hunted throughout our cabinet and cannot find this piece, so possibly Brenner never gave it to us. We have been going along in the usual way here at the Society, keeping busy, although our accessions though considerable do not quite tally up to what they did a few years ago. Our finances have held up pretty well though some of the mortgages are beginning to sag and others look shakey. I have not been so well the past year but I am feeling better now. We are having the 25th anniversary of the Club on Saturday night, Mr. Newell gives us a talk. Mr. Newell gets in about once a week. He is still in the country and I know for a fact that he has not kept quite up to date with his mail. I trust you will show such good improvement that you can spend after this winter some time in New York.

Very truly yours,

H.:JG

Curator



HENRY R. RUSSELL  
ASHVILLE N. C.

16 Gertrude Pl  
Dec 26/1933

My dear Mr Wood

Yours of the 4th was duly received, and I was surprised to hear that you could not locate the Brenner medal made from L'Enfant's designs for the Cincinnati.

I even think you had one in the duplicates at the time I bought those three duplicates you had that were struck for the Frieinials of Baltimore, Wilmington and Princeton, and the only reason I did not take it was because it was unofficial.

However as it is not there now, — that ends it, and I so wrote Mayor Hume, that he could only mention it as, <sup>made in the contemporary French style</sup> a little smaller and thinner than the Baltimore Frieinial medal.

I am glad to hear the finances are holding out so well, as so many mortgages seem to fail now-a-days, and even leave taxes unpaid.

Wishing you all the Compliments of the Season, Remain with regards

Very sincerely yours

Henry Russell Browne



For Mr Wood —

Drowne

Curator

HW:JG

March 24, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Henry Russell Drowne  
16 Gertrude Place  
Asheville, N.C.  
of the United Colonies is not rare and it would  
be unfortunate to lose it. I am sorry to hear  
of the loss of the bill.

You probably have seen notices  
of Otto Holstein's death; however, I thought  
you might like this clipping from the Times  
of the 24th.

Things have been going along  
here smoothly. We have been keeping very busy  
and I trust that you are getting along in good  
shape and that you will enjoy the summer at  
Atlantic Highlands.

March 24, 1934.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator



Please thank Mr Roe for his recent favors.

HENRY R. DROWNE

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

16 Gertrude Place  
March 26, 1934

My dear Mr Wood

Many thanks for your favor of the 24<sup>th</sup>, with the notice of the passing away of Major Otto Holstein. It is sad indeed that a man of his years should have passed away so suddenly.

Unfortunately Holstein, of late, has been in very hard luck and I heard was much discouraged.

I am glad to hear things are going along smoothly with the Society, and hope that the improvement in the times will soon be more general, so that investments will begin to do better.

We have been having rainy damp weather for several days with thermometer 40° to 50°. The grass is now very green, and trees and shrubbery are beginning to bud, a few flowers are out, and narcissus has been blooming for a week or more. A little sunshine and it will soon look like spring here.

Hoping your wife daughters and yourself are all enjoying good health, I remain with regards

Very sincerely yours

Henry Russell Drowne

P.S. Think Major Hume has done very well in his articles in the Numismatist



January 7, 1935.

Mr. H. Russell Drowne, Jr.,  
38 E. 57th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Drowne:

I am herewith returning the  
five copies of the appraisal of your father's  
coins, which I have signed before a notary.  
If I hear of anyone interested in the col-  
lection I certainly will let you know.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator